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**Madagascar**

A brief history:

Sierra Leone is a tiny country situated in Western Africa. This hilly and wooded area is located between the countries Guinea and Liberia. Sierra Leone is about the size of South Carolina and it experiences sandstorms and dusty winds.

Sierra Leone’s troubles first came in the 1400’s when the Europeans industrialized it with slave trade. Although Europeans have controlled this country for a majority of its modern history, Sierra Leone has always had a majority of natives in the population.

Natural resources:

* Diamonds
* Iron
* Gold
* Bauxite

Population:

Est. July 2005 - 6,017,643

0–14 years: 44.7%

15–64 years: 52%

65 years and over: 3.3%

2000 deaths/100,000 births

Ethnic groups/rivalries or tribal warfare:

* Creole – 10%
* Native Tribes – 90%

Multi-party Constitution Supporters v. RUF rebellion

The government is currently in a state of anarchy due to the fighting in the country.

Impact of diseases in your country:

* Malaria
* Hepatitis A &E
* Typhoid
* Yellow Fever

European nations that colonized your country:

The British founded the country and the capital Freetown.

Type of government:

Constitutional Democracy

**President - Ernest Bai Koroma**

**Vice President – Samuel Samsumana**

Problems that need to be addressed to country prosper:

* Fighting between the RUF and government
* Government restricts the media
* Slaughter over diamonds

Solutions to problems:

* UN peace keepers need to disarm the rebels
* Intervention in the government
* Diamond mines need to be controlled by neutral countries

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